(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the said new train would be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) It is proposed to extend 1DM/2DM Delhi-Merrut City passenger to Muzaffarnagar during the current financial year. This will provide additional daily service for Muzaffarnagar-Delhi passengers.

**Karnaprayag railway line**

†2386. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that survey for the proposed Karnaprayag railway line was conducted many decades ago and it was contemplated that the railway line project should be implemented soon;

(b) if so, the status of this report;

(c) whether in view of the development of tourism and to accelerate the economic development in this newly formed State, Government are reconsidering this project; and

(d) if so, by when it is proposed to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) No, Sir. A survey for construction of new line from Rishikesh to Karnaprayag was completed in the year 1999-2000 as per which the cost of construction of 125 kms long line was assessed as Rs. 1372 crore. The proposal could not be considered in view of unremunerative nature, constraint of resources and heavy throw-forward of ongoing projects.

**Racks allocated by Railways**

†2387. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of racks allocated by Railways to Uttar Pradesh,

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Punjab, Haryana and West Bengal, separately during April, May and June, 2006;

(b) the names of the States to which the racks allocated to Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana and West Bengal were sent; and

(c) the items loaded in the said racks and their quantity in tonnes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Rakes are not allocated State-wise. They are allotted against indents placed by the railway customers.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Quality of food served in Railways canteens**

†2388. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whetherr it is a fact that the Delhi High Court has issued an order to raid Railways' canteens in view of serving of very poor quality of food to the passengers by the Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation (I.R.C.T.C.);

(b) whether it is also a fact that Railways administration did not deem it necessary to conduct an enquiry despite considerable number of complaints about serving of poor and less than prescribed quantity of food in trains;

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(d) whether Government would dissolve the said Committee on Passengers Amenities following the High Court's order; and

(e) if not, the rationale behind retention of the catering/passengers amenity committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) Delhi High Court had appointed a committee which inspected the base kitchen at New Delhi, Refreshment Room at Hazrat Nizamuddin and the Self-service restaurant at Old Delhi railway station. The committee has reported non-functioning of various

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.